MINUTES

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

JONATHAN'S CREEK CHURCH,

August 18th, 19th and 20th, 1875.

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WEDNESDAY, P. M.—Elder W. T. Pence, Rom., I, 16; W. Fisher, John, XIV, 6.

THURSDAY.—Elder S. Debolt, John, VIII, 36; Elder G. N. Tusing, John, V, 24; Elder W. T. Pence, Rom., I, 17. Latter clause.

FRIDAY.—Elder W. Butler, Eph., II, 6; Elder D. G. Barker, Col., III, 1-4; Elder S. Williams, Deut., XXXII, 9-12.

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August 18th, 10 o'clock A. M.—The introductory sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder D. G. BARKER, as alternate from Phil., III, 1–10.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former clerk and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted, as follows:

Churches and Messengers.	Ministers, and time of holding Meetings.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total No.	Contributions
FALLS OF LICKING, *Muskingum Co.*—John D. Shaw, Louis C. Prior, A. Dorsey.	John Croy, 2d Lord's day Wm. Butler, 4th Lord's day	1	.....	...	.....	.....	4	55	$ 6 30
HOPEWELL, *Perry Co.*—Jno. Forsythe, Evi Goble	1st Lord's day	.....	.....	...	1	.....	1	21	3 25
UNION, *Perry Co.*—Jacob Grove, Samuel Buriff	4th Lord's day	1	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	17	4 00
LANCASTER, *Fairfield Co.*—Wm. Fisher, Jonas A. Fartig, George W. Starner	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	20	1 50
LEXINGTON, *Perry Co.*—Smith Wortman	John J. Vanhorne, 4th Lord's day	5	2	...	.....	.....	3	38	3 00
TIMBER RUN, *Muskingum Co.*—Wm. Gutridge, Jno. J. Vanhorne, Robt. Bolin	David G. Barker and John Bolin, 3d Lord's day, alternate	.....	.....	...	1	.....	.....	23	3 00
BETHEL, *Noble Co.*—John Jourdan, Bartholomew Davis, Adam Jourdan	Ephraim Barker, 1st Lord's day	4	.....	...	.....	.....	2	31	3 45
BEULAH, *Muskingum Co.*—Stephen Francis, Johnson Fink, John C. Crown.	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day	1	.....	...	.....	.....	1	36	2 55
UNIONTOWN, *Muskingum Co.*—Lazelier Richards	Wm. Newlon, 2d Lord's day	.....	.....	...	2	1	....	15	85
YORK, *Morgan Co.*—Lazelier Burley, Wm. Newlon	John J. Vanhorne, 1st Lord's day	1	.....	...	.....	.....	1	13	2 00
ZOAR, *Muskingum Co.*—David Woodruff, Richard Wells, Louis French	Wm. Fisher, 2d Lord's day.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	23	1 35
MT. OLIVE, *Morgan Co.*—John Croy	John Croy and Louis Kagy 1st Lord's day, alternately	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	3	16	1 35
SCOTT'S CREEK, *Hocking Co.*—David G. Barker, Albert Parker, Daniel Nixon	David G. Barker, 2d Lord's day	7	.....	...	.....	.....	1	66	3 80
GOSHEN, *Muskingum Co.*—E. B. Garrett, Thomas Humphrey	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day, Peter Ogan, 4th Lord's day	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	37	2 00

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HARMONY, *Perry Co.*	Not heard from, as before.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
ENON, *Guernsey Co.*—Letter but no Messenger.....	John J. Vanhorne, 3d Lord's day.....	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	26	$ .85
PLEASANT HILL, *Licking Co.*—Jas. Holmes. Matthew Porter, Geo. Rector	Wm. Butler, 1st Lord's day.....	6	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	60	5 95
JONATHAN'S CREEK, *Licking Co.*—Daniel Drum, Ephraim Barker, Daniel Norman.....	Daniel Schofield and Ephraim Barker, alternately, 4th Lord's day.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	41	3 00
MONDAY CREEK, *Perry Co.*—Letter but no Messenger.....	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lord's day.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	18	2 50
ST. LOUISVILLE, *Licking Co.*—Louis A. Stephens.....	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day.....	.....	....	...	.....	.....	.....	40	3 25
FALLSBURG, *Licking Co.*—John Frost Thos. Gorely, Wm. Painter.....	John Crabrtee, 3d Lord's day.....	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	18	3 20
FRIENDSHIP, at Hog Run, *Licking Co*—Alfred Beall, Peter Brubaker, Henry Gutridge.....	Benjamin Lampton, every other month, 3d Lord's day.....	4	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	45	3 75
FRIENDSHIP, near Lynville, *Licking Co.*—Sam'l. Meredith, Louis Kagy, Wm. C. Orr	Louis Kagy and Samuel Meredith, alternately 2d Lord's day.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1	12	1 75
HARMONY, *Licking Co.*—John B. Taylor, Joseph Peaver.....	John P. Taylor, 4th Lords day.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	1	14	1 25
Totals.....	.....	35	2	0	4	1	18	631	$63 80

NOTE.—Saturday before the first Lord's day mentioned in the above table, is the day of business of the respective Churches.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock P. M.—Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Debolt.

1st. The Messengers' names were called.

2d. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder D. G. Barker, Moderator, and W. Butler, Clerk.

3d. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

4th. Committees appointed as follows: *Of Arrangement*—Brethren L. A. Stephens, S. Burriff and Elder S. Meredith. *On Preaching*—The Messenger of Jonathan's Creek Church. *On Funds*—Brethren L. C. Prior, E. B. Garrett and Elder J. P. Taylor. *On Visitation Meetings*—Elder J. J. Van Horne, W. Painter and J. D. Shaw.

5th. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for.

6th. Correspondence from sister Associations called for and presented as follows:

MIAMI—By minutes.

SCIOTO—By Elder G. N. Tusing and minutes.

SANDUSKY—By Elder S. Debolt and minutes.

POCOTALICO—Not heard from.

OWL CREEK, HARMONY—Not heard from.

7th. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

8th. Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

MIAMI—Elders D. G. Barker and E. Barker.

SCIOTO—W. Butler.

SANDUSKY—Elder J. J. Vanhorne.

POCOTALICO—By minutes.

OWL CREEK, HARMONY—Elder J. Bolin.

9th. The Circular letter written by Elder John Prichard, and the Corresponding letter written by Brother G. D. Burley were called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangement.

10th. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders S. Debolt, G. N. Tusing, W. T. Pence and J. P. Taylor for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

11th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Benediction by Moderator.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th, 9½ O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Croy.

1st. The Messengers' names were called.

2d. The Committee of Arrangement reported the minutes of last year, with the addition of the request of Lost Run Church to change her name, as the order of business. The report was adopted.

3d. The Circular and Corresponding letters were adopted.

4th. The Committee on Visitation Meetings report:

FALLS OF LICKING—2d Lord's day in June, Elders Tusing and Pence.

LANCASTER—3d Lord's day in October, Elder Newlon.

LEXINGTON—4th Lord's day in May, Elders Croy and E. Barker.

TIMBER RUN—3d Lord's day in May, Elders Tusing and Fisher.

BETHEL—5th Lord's day in October, Elder Vanhorne.

BEULAH—1st Lord's day in June, Elders Pence and Prichard.

UNIONTOWN—3d Lord's day in October, Elder Croy.

YORK—5th Lord's day in July, Elder E. Barker.

ZOAR—5th Lord's day in January, Elder E. Barker.

GOSHEN—2d Lord's day in October, Elders Tusing and Taylor.

ENON—3d Lord's day in November, Elders Tusing and Vanhorne.

PLEASANT HILL—5th Lord's day in October, Elders Pence and Butler, and 5th Lord's day in April, Elders D. G. Barker and E. Barker.

ST. LOUISVILLE—4th Lord's day in December, Elders Tusing and Prichard.

FALLSBURG—3d Lord's day in June, Elders E. Barker and Pence.

FRIENDSHIP, NEAR LYNVILLE—2d Lord's day in October, Elders E. Barker and Newlon.

HARMONY, LICKING CO.—4th Lord's day in October, Elders Croy and Kagy.

All the above meetings to commence on Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock, except that at Enon, which will commence on Thursday before, at two o'clock. The report was adopted.

5th. Elder John Croy to write the Circular and Elder E. Barker the Corresponding letter for next year.

6th. The next Association will be held with the Beulah Church, 4 miles South of Claypool's Mill, on the B. & O. R. R., to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in August, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Wm. Butler to preach the introductory sermon. In case of failure, E. Barker.

7th. The Committee on Funds report, $63.80, appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20; Clerk, $5; Correspondence, Miami, $23.75; Sandusky, $10.75; Owl Creek, Harmony, $4.30. The report was adopted.

8th. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders Butler, D. G. Barker and Williams for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

9th. The name of the Lost Run Church is changed to St. Louisville.

10th. Adjourned to the time and place above written.

Benediction by Moderator.

DAVID G. BARKER, Moderator.

WM. BUTLER, Clerk.

The meeting just closed has been a very pleasant one. The session was perfectly harmonious. The congregation was large, orderly and attentive. The preaching was able and all of a piece. The provisions made by the members of Jonathan's Creek for entertainment was ample, and of the best.

CLERK.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Association, to the several Associations with which she corresponds, sendeth Christian greeting :

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD.—Another year has rolled around, and we are permitted to meet in an Association, and to see each other's faces once more in the flesh, and to talk of the things that pertain to Eternal Life. We have been much refreshed by the coming of your Messengers in years that are passed, and we hope for a continuation of your friendly correspondence, and of your Ministers that have come to us in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ, making mention of His righteousness, and of His only, and of the power of Him who said: The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live, and, That all power in Heaven and in earth is given into my hand. I open, and none can shut. I shut, and none can open. And who is able to save all who come to God through Him. Our minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association.—Farewell.

Circular Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association, held with the Jonathan's Creek Church, Licking County, Ohio, on the 18th, 19th and 20th of August, A. D. 1875.

To the Churches of which she is composed, sendeth Christian love :

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST.—The great God, in His abundant mercy, has brought us through the changing scenes of another year, and has blessed us with the high and holy privilege of greeting each other in an associate capacity. May our hearts and voices be raised to Him in grateful praise and thanksgiving, for His abundant mercy manifested to us poor, unworthy, sinful and dying mortals, in ourselves guilty, polluted, and undone, without hope and without God in the world, and dead to our true condition, and must have sunk down into eternal death, but for the distinguishing grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who came, in love, to our rescue. For what have we ever done to merit so great salvation, for every awakened sinner can only exclaim : "If I am saved, I am a sinner saved by grace."

"Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling,
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace ;
Black, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die."

Dear brethren, we are strangers and pilgrims in this land of death and mourning, the enemies of truth are prowling around with enticing words, polished gestures and vain philosophy, to allure us into their worldly devices and entangle us with the yoke of bondage ; but we know it was the amazing mercy of God that revealed a Savior's love into our poor hearts, and caused us to love and fellowship each other. And, oh! may such love, mercy and grace from the glorious God, our Savior, awaken in us a desire to live in the humble, faithful and diligent discharge of every duty that the blessed Lord has enjoined on us in His holy word, *and may we cleave to it, and to it alone*, as the man of our counsel, while we sojourn in this world of trials and tribulation, looking only to Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith, and present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is our reasonable service. Brethren, Farewell.